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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Applicants request consideration of the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. These documents are cited in the English-language International Search Report (copy enclosed) or are U.S. counterparts or English-language abstracts of the cited documents.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of any listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

The following documents listed on Form PTO-1449 are not in English: FR 2761363 and DE 199 50 020. For FR 2761363, applicants cite Serre et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,645,509 B1 to serve as an English translation. For DE 199 50 020, applicants do not have an English translation, but submit an English-language abstract. In both cases, the English-language International Search Report serves as the requisite brief statement of relevance.

This statement and accompanying Form PTO-1449 are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

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